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1. FRG DELEGATION OFFICERS HAVE APPROACHED US PRIVATELY
TO OBTAIN OUR REACTION TO PRELIMINARY BONN VIEWS ON
ARRANGEMENTS FOR OBSERVER INVITATION FOR MANEUVERS
BLAUE DONAU, CERTAIN SHIELD AND SAXON DRIVE (REFTEL).
GERMANS ARE MAKING SIMILAR APPROACH TO DUTCH, WHO SPONSOR
CERTAIN SHIELD.

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2. POINTING OUT THAT DATES FOR FRG-SPONSORED BLAUE DONAU
HAD BEEN CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 17-22, FRG REPS NOTED THAT
THESE THREE MANEUVERS OVERLAP CONSIDERABLY, AND SUGGESTED
THAT, IN INTEREST OF ORDERLY HANDLING OF OBSERVERS, IN-
VITATIONS FOR MANEUVERS BE EXTENDED AS FOLLOWS:

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- 9-17/22: BLAUE DONAU

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- 9-22/26: CERTAIN SHIELD

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- 9-26/29 SAXON DRIVE

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PROGRAM FOR BLAUE DONAU COULD END EVENING OF 9/21 WITH
OBSERVERS DEPARTING MORNING 9/22; PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN
SHIELD COULD START LATER ON 9/22 OR FOLLOWING MORNING.
SAME ARRANGEMENT COULD APPLY BETWEEN CERTAIN SHIELD AND
SAXON DRIVE.

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3. FRG OFFICERS REAFFIRMED FRG POSITION THAT OBSERVERS SHOULD BE INVITED FROM EMBASSIES OF CSCE STATES IN BONN. THEY THOUGHT THEIR GOVERNMENT, AS HOST TO THESE THREE MANEUVERS ON FRG TERRITORY, WOULD WISH TO EXTEND INVITATIONS ON BEHALF OF MANEUVER SPONSORS TO ALL CSCE STATES FOR BLAUE DONAU AND (WITH US CONCURRENCE) FOR CERTAIN SHIELD, AND TO A SELECTED GROUP OF STATES FOR SAXON DRIVE, SINCE DUTCH HAVE MORE LIMITED FACILITIES FOR HANDLING OBSERVERS. FRG ENVISAGES SENDING A SINGLE INVITATION COVERING THE THREE MANEUVERS.

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4. FRG REPS ASKED WHICH US OFFICIALS FRG MOD SHOULD CONTACT ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR OBSERVERS. WE RECALLED THAT IN PAST, ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN HANDLED THROUGH US MILITARY ATTACHE OFFICE BONN AND USAREUR, AND THAT THIS PROCEDURE APPEARED TO WORK WELL.

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5. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON POINTS RAISED ABOVE, AND WASHINGTON VIEWS ON NOTIFICATIONS AND INVITATIONS FOR ALLIED MANEUVERS THIS YEAR. WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO WORK OUT PROGRAM IN POLADS AT AN EARLY DATE SO ALLIES CAN KNOW WELL IN ADVANCE WHAT THE PROGRAM WILL BE. INFO ADDRESSEES MAY ALSO WISH TO COMMENT.
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